

LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO
Sixty-first Legislature First Regular Session - 2011

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 56

BY RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES; AMENDING SECTION 47-1608, IDAHO CODE,
TO REVISE BOND PROVISIONS RELATING TO DAMAGES TO THE LAND SURFACE AND
IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, TO PROVIDE FOR BONDS RELATING TO RECLAMATION, TO
CLARIFY THAT BONDS SHALL NOT DUPLICATE CERTAIN BONDS FOR WELL CLOSURE
AND TO DELETE CERTAIN BOND PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF
OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF GEOTHERMAL RESOURCE WELLS.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 47-1608, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
amended to read as follows:

47-1608. BOND BONDING. ~~(1)~~ The board shall require the execution of
a good and sufficient bonds in an amounts the board determines reasonable,
~~which shall not be less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) in favor of the~~
~~state of Idaho conditioned upon the payment of~~ for reclamation and all dam-
ages to the land surface and improvements thereon, whether or not the lands
have been sold or leased for any other purpose. These bonds shall not dupli-
cate bonds for well closure held by the Idaho department of water resources.

~~(2) Upon commencement of operations for the drilling of any geother-~~
~~mal resource well, the lessee shall be required by the board to furnish such~~
~~a bond as the board determines reasonable which shall not be less than six~~
~~thousand dollars (\$6,000) which bond shall be in lieu of the bond required in~~
~~subsection (1) of this section and shall cover all subsequent operations on~~
~~such lease.~~